

REMARKS

## OVERVIEW

Claims 1-9 and 25-27 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended. The present response is an earnest effort to place all claims in proper form for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

## ISSUES UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-9, and 25-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U. S. Patent No. 6,094,197 to Buxton et al. in view of U. S. Patent No. 5,736,973 to Godfrey et al. The Examiner recognizes that Buxton et al. does not teach determining input from a user is no longer needed and removing a graphical keyboard (Office Action, page 2). It is respectfully submitted that Godfrey et al. does not disclose this limitation either.

Godfrey et al. is directed towards an integrated backlight display system for a personal digital assistant (title). In Godfrey et al., an on-time control turns off power to the backlight driver circuit after a predetermined time has elapsed following activation of the on-off switch (Abstract). Godfrey et al. discloses that a PDA may have a touch sensitive screen by which to enter data and commands (col. 1, lines 19-24). Moreover, Godfrey et al. discloses that pressing alphabetical letters displayed on the touch screen to form words is somewhat cumbersome and impractical (col. 1, lines 27-29). In Godfrey et al., the screen backlighting system is incorporated into a PDA by placing the backlighter driver circuit where the stylus is normally stored (col. 4, lines 46-53).

Claim 1 requires "invoking an input area, including a plurality of data input fields and a graphical keyboard incapable of user termination independent of termination of the input area, the graphical keyboard having a plurality of keys on the display;" and "automatically terminating

the graphical keyboard after the desired input is received." Neither Buxton et al. nor Godfrey et al. alone or in combination teaches these limitations.

In particular, the on-time control of Godfrey et al. is related to turning on and off the backlight driver circuit associated with a PDA. Godfrey et al. is not directed towards determining when a graphical keyboard should be displayed and when it should be terminated. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection must be withdrawn. As claims 2-9 depend from claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections should also be withdrawn.

Similarly, with respect to claim 25, claim 25 requires "determining that input from the user using a graphical keyboard is needed; displaying the graphical keyboard on a touch screen display to receive input from the user, the graphical keyboard placed in a set position; persistently maintaining the graphical keyboard on the touch screen display such that the user cannot move, resize, remove, or close the graphical keyboard through the user interface; receiving input from the user through the graphical keyboard; determining that further input from the user is no longer needed; and removing the graphical keyboard." Neither Buxton et al. nor Godfrey et al. is directed towards the same type of invention nor does either reference disclose this manner of controlling the user interface.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections should be withdrawn. As claims 26-26 depend from claim 25, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections should also be withdrawn.

Claims 3, 5, and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 6,094,197 to Buxton et al. et al. in view of U. S. Patent No. 5,736,973 to Godfrey et al. and in further view of Freedman (the computer desktop encyclopedia). It is respectfully submitted as these dependent claims depend from claim 1, and as neither Buxton et

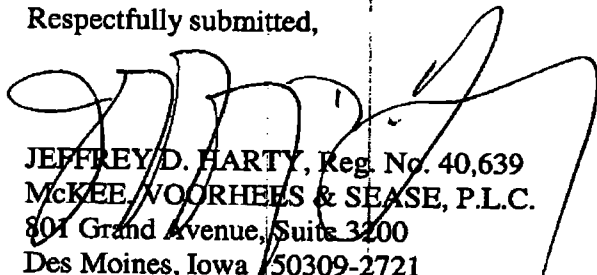
al. nor Godfrey et al. nor Freedman disclose each and every limitation of claim 1 that these rejections should also appropriately be withdrawn.

#### CONCLUSION

Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in proper form for immediate allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,



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